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SUBJECT: SFCP JOINT FUND RESEARCH PROJECTS

REF: A. STATE 027986; B. STATE 019924

1. ON FEBRUARY 11, THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT FUND. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REFTELS. TO GIVE ADDED URGENCY TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR CONTRIBUTIONS, THE AMBASSADOR NOTED VICE MINISTER STRANZ WILL BE HEADING A DELEGATION TO THE US IN EARLY MARCH AND THAT POLICH ISSUES IN THE IMPORTANT ENERGY AREA MUST BE SETTLED BEFORE HE LEAVES. SPASOWSKI, RECENTLY RETURNED TO WARSAW AFTER AN EXTENDED TRIP ABROAD, WAS NOT FULLY BRIEFED ON JOINT-FUND DEVELOPMENTS. HOWEVER, HE LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY, RAISED NO COUNTER ISSUES, AND AGREED THAT MAJOR GOAL WAS EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT FUND. HE PROMISED TO CONTACT THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE AFTER HE HAD FAMILIARIZED HIMSELF WITH THE ISSUES.

2. RE PARA FOUR, REF A, EMBASSY BELIEVES POLISH SLOW-NESS TO DATE IN ACCEPTING US PROPOSED CONTRIBUTIONS DUE IN MOST CASES TO MECHANICS IN REVISING BUDGETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECMEBER 6, 1974, AGREED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT US PROPOSED CONTRIBUTIONS ARE LESS THAN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BUDGETS, REQUIRING THE POLISH

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SIDE TO SCALE DOWN THE RESEARCH PROGRAMS. THE POLICY

DIFFICULTIES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR CONTRIBUTIONS SEEM TO ORIGINATE WITH CHOWANIEC WHO APPARENTLY STILL BELIEVES THESE CONTRIBUTIONS WILL SET UNDESIRABLE POLICY PRECEDENTS. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE TO SPASOWSKI WILL BE THE KEY TO BREAKING THIS IMPASSE. IN ANY EVENT, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE POLISH SIDE IS DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTING TO FRUSTRATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT-FUND AGREEMENT USING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN EXCUSE.

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